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1. BELOW IS GUIDANCE ON RWANDA AND SOUTH AFRICA.
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TUESDAY, MAY 10

- 2. RWANDA: IO - CURRENT SITUATION

. PLEASE PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON FIGHTING AND UN
PEACEMAKING EFFORTS IN RWANDA.

A. UN SOURCES REPORT THAT FIGHTING HAS INTENSIFIED IN AND
AROUND KIGALI AS THE RPF MAINTAINS ITS OFFENSIVE
MOVEMENTS. HEAVY FIGHTING IS ALSO REPORTED NEAR RUHENGERI
AND ALONG THE TANZANIAN BORDER. SHELLING NEAR THE A RPORT
HAS FORCED THE STOPPING OF ALL BUT A FEW UN FLIGHTS INTO
KIGALI. A UNAMIR SOLDIER FROM GHANA WAS KILLED YESTERDAY
BY MORTAR FIRE.

THE UNAMIR FORCE COMMANDER CONTINUES TO MEET WITH LEADERS
OF THE MILITARY AND THE RPF IN AN ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE A
CEASEFIRE AND RENEW POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS.

- 3. RWANDA: RP -

Q. WOULD YOU PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE RWANDAN REFUGEE
CRISIS?

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A. THE RELIEF EFFORT TO TAKE CARE OF MORE THAN 300,000
RWANDAN REFUGEES WHO HAVE FLED INTO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES
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CONTINUES.

250,000 ARE IN TANZANIA, WHILE 60,000 OTHERS HAVE FLED TO
URUNDI, UGANDA AND ZAIRE.

THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR)
IS COORDINATING A MASSIVE RELIEF EFFORT IN NGARA IN
TANZANIA WHERE THE LARGEST REFUGEE CAMP IN THE WORLD HAS
BEEN ESTABLISHED.

Q. WHAT IS THE U.S. DOING TO HELP?

A. YESTERDAY, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCED IT WILL
EGIN AIRLIFTING APPROXIMATELY 478,000 POUNDS OF
HUMANITARIAN RELIEF SUPPLIES FOR RWANDAN REFUGEES USING
AIR FORCE TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT ON MAY 11.

THE RELIEF ITEMS -- 100,000 BLANKETS AND 10,000 ROLLS OF
PLASTIC SHEETING -- WILL BE FLOWN FROM TURKEY TO MWANZA IN
TANZANIA. UNHCR WILL DISTRIBUTE THE SUPPLIES TO THE
REFUGEES.

LAST WEEK, THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONTRIBUTED 15 MILLION TO
UNHCR, THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, AND THE INTERNATIONAL
FEDERATION OF THE RED CROSS TO SUPPORT THEIR ASSISTANCE
PROGRAMS FOR THE REFUGEES.

IN MARCH THE USG CONTRIBUTED 35 MILLION IN MARCH TO THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE RED CROSS FOR ITS
EMERGENCY PROGRAMS IN AFRICA, MUCH OF WHICH WILL BE USED
TO HELP RWANDANS.

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OTHER US ASSISTANCE IS BEING PROVIDED BY USAID'S OFFICE OF
S FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE, FOOD FOR PEACE' AND BY
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

TUESDAY, MAY 11

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4. SOUTH AFRICA: VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH MANDELA

Q: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE VICE PRESIDENT'S
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MANDELA?

A: THE VICE PRESIDENT SPOKE TO THE PRESS AFTER
YESTERDAY'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MANDELA.

THE VICE PRESIDENT CONGRATULATED PRESIDENT MANDELA ON
BEHALF OF PRESIDENT CLINTON AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

THE TWO LEADERS DISCUSSED THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS
CONFRONTING THE NEW SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, SUCH AS HIGH
UNEMPLOYMENT, ILLITERACY, AND HOUSING. THE VICE PRESIDENT
REASSURED PRESIDENT MANDELA THAT THE UNITED STATES INTENDS
TO BE A GOOD PARTNER IN HELPING SOUTH AFRICA ADDRESS SUCH
PROBLEMS.

(IF ASKED): THE TWO LEADERS ALSO BRIEFLY DISCUSSED THE
SITUATION IN RWANDA.

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5. RWANDA: AF - GORE MEETING ON RWANDA

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON VICE PRESIDENT GORE'S
MEETING YESTERDAY IN SOUTH AFRICA WITH AFRICAN LEADERS
REGARDING RWANDA?

A: VICE PRESIDENT GORE MET WITH UN SECRETARY GENERAL
BOUTROS BOUTROS GHALI, OAU SECRETARY GENERAL SALIM SALIM,
AND TANZANIAN PRESIDENT MWINYI ON MAY 10 IN PRETORIA TO
DISCUSS THE TRAGIC SITUATION IN RWANDA.

THE US OBJECTIVES IN RWANDA CONTINUE TO BE:
TO STOP THE KILLING,
TO ACHIEVE A CEASE-FIRE,
TO URGE A RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS AND
TO PERMIT THE DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.

A NUMBER OF OPTIONS FOR HELPING THE PEOPLE OF RWANDA
WERE DISCUSSED DURING THE VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING. ALL
THE OPTIONS INCLUDE THE RECOGNITION THAT HUMANITARIAN
ASSISTANCE MUST GET TO ALL RWANDANS IN NEED.

AFTER THE MEETING, THE VICE PRESIDENT INDICATED THAT HE

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DID NOT WANT TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF THE VARIOUS OPTIONS
UNTIL CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND
ORGANIZATIONS ARE COMPLETED.

6. RWANDA: IO - CURRENT SITUATION

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Q. PLEASE PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON FIGHTING IN RWANDA AND ON
UN SECURITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, INCLUDING DETAILS OF REPORTED
UN STAFF STUDY RECOMMENDING A 5,500 MAN INTERVENTION FORCE
(MENTIONED IN THIS MORNING'S WASHINGTON POST STORY).

A. UN SOURCES REPORT THAT INTENSE FIGHTING CONTINUES IN
AND AROUND KIGALI AS THE RPF CONTINUES ITS ADVANCE IN THE
CITY. SUFFICIENT LULLS IN THE FIGHTING HAVE OCCURRED,
HOWEVER, TO ALLOW SOME UN RELIEF FLIGHTS YESTERDAY AND
TODAY. THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, MR.
AYALA LASSO, ALSO MANAGED TO ARRIVE IN KIGALI TODAY AND
HAS BEGUN MEETINGS WITH LEADERS OF BOTH THE WARRING
PARTIES.

THE UN HAS PRESENTED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL A NONPAPER
HIGH DISCUSSES THE USE OF ADDITIONAL UNAMIR TROOPS TO
SUPPORT THE DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO
RWANDA. THIS IS ONE OF THE OPTIONS WHICH WILL BE
DISCUSSED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHEN IT MEETS AGAIN THIS
AFTERNOON.

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BETWEEN 400 AND 1,500 REFUGEES, MOST TRAVELLING IN SMALL GROUPS, CONTINUE TO ARRIVE DAILY IN TANZANIA.

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DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR REFUGEE PROGRAMS BRUNSON MCKINLEY VISITED THE CAMP OVER THE WEEKEND.

HE REPORTS THAT, WHILE PROBLEMS ARE MANY AND SEVERE, THE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE HAS BEEN RAPID AND EFFECTIVE.

IF THERE ARE NEW REFUGEE OUTFLOWS, THE RESPONSE CAPACITY WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT.

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